

May Committee Report: **Volunteer Resources Committee** covering February, March and April Monthly WSO Board Teleconference for May 14, 2022

A Member of the Policy & Structure Collaboration Committee

Interim Chair: Jim R. (NY)
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Committee meets: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month

Statement of Purpose: *[we are working on a purpose statement]*

Inception Date: February 10, 2022

This standing committee was created by a motion approved at the Feb. 10, 2022 Board working session thereby establishing the WSO-Volunteer Resources Committee (**VRC**). Details about criteria for the VRC can be found at the bottom of Page 2 of the Agenda for the March 12th WSO board teleconference here:

https://acawso.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/TCA_2022_03_12.pdf

The Committee consists of approximately 10 members and has met **5** times: on February 9, March 23, March 30, April 13 and April 27. Members of the Committee are: Jim R. (NY), Amber D, Carole C, Charlie H, Dove H, Erin D, Jasmina T, Kelle J, Laura L and Rich R. Josh W participated in the first 2 meetings.

- Goals: while all new committees need to go through a period of establishing major priorities for the coming 12 months, this committee will defer completion its organization, including any election of voting committee members, for the time being.

In the past **3** months the Committee has:

- Discussed the disbanding of the Human Resources Committee and launch of the Volunteer Resources Committee; discussed key goals.
- Discussed creating two resources: one for members already in WSO service, a short “volunteer guidance” and a separate document to include information welcoming the newcomer to volunteer service. It was decided to create one document for both.

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- Started working on the draft volunteer resource document to welcome and support the volunteer coming into WSO-level service; the aim is to have a draft in July.
 - Topics discussed in this volunteer resource document include:
 - why volunteer, finding support, working together, suggested participation guidelines, volunteer rights and responsibilities, teamwork, handling challenges, healthy group conscience, service norms
 - The Committee would like clarification from the **Content Development Collaboration Committee (CC)** as to the process: Does this volunteer resource document need to go to *the literature evaluation subcommittee* after this Committee is satisfied with the draft work? Or is the next step approval by the Content Development CC? *This Committee will ask its Chair to take this question to the Content Development CC and provide a response and feedback to this Committee.*
 - Approved 3-month report for February, March and April.
 - In Slack, discussed was the use of copyrighted literature by a WSO committee.
 - For the meeting in May, a statement of purpose is to be developed.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, **May 25th** at 4pm Eastern Time.